

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
September 19th, 2007
HERRING SPAWNING REGULATIONS FOR THE “NEW
HAMPSHIRE/MASSACHUSETTS SPAWNING AREA” ARE IN EFFECT STARTING
SEPTEMBER 21st THROUGH OCTOBER 19th, 2007

The Maine Department of Marine Resources would like to inform herring fishermen and dealers that herring spawning closure regulations which affect the capture of spawning herring in state and federal waters in the New Hampshire/Massachusetts Spawning Area, which includes waters off southern Maine, will be in effect September 21st through October 19th, 2007.

It shall be unlawful to land in any State of Maine port of facility, or to transfer at sea from any Maine registered vessel, any catch of spawn herring in stages V or VI harvested from the following described Area:

All waters bounded by the Massachusetts, New Hampshire
and **Maine** coasts, and
43° 30' N and 70° 00' W

The landing of adult herring with spawn (roe and milt) will be prohibited. Anyone may fish for or land herring during this closure so long as herring with spawn Stages V or VI comprise zero % of the catch or are less than or equal to nine (9) inches. The zero % provision will be enforced by examining samples of herring taken from individual loads.

Herring taken legally outside the New Hampshire/Massachusetts Spawning Area may be transported through the area.

For more details, please contact your local Marine Patrol Division Headquarters (Div I 633-9595, Div II 667-3373) or your local marine patrol officer, or call the DMR Boothbay Harbor Laboratory (633-9500).

[see map below]

